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### SPAWAR Systems Center Returns to Norfolk

The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Norfolk has returned to its original home at Naval Station Norfolk after a 13-year stay in Chesapeake, Va.

Formerly known as the Navy Management Systems Support Office (NAVMASSO), SPAWAR Systems Center Norfolk is the Navy's premier central design activity for military software applications development. It directly supports the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps by designing, developing, delivering, and supporting critical, integrated information systems that are used on board U.S. Naval ships and at key shore stations located around the world.

A ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the refurbished facility in Building Z-133 at the Norfolk Naval Station was held Thursday, February 28. Captain Thomas McIlravy, USN, the Commanding Officer of SPAWAR Systems Center Norfolk welcomed a group of honored guests, contractors, and military personnel.

The guest speaker, Rear Admiral Tom S. Fellin, USN, Vice Commander of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command headquartered in San Diego, recalled the 21-year history of the command. He stated that since 1981 the command had grown from responsibility for three systems at 70 sites used by a few hundred customers to design and fielding of 70 systems with 250,000 users of SPAWAR products located at more than 2,500 customer sites worldwide. He remarked how the command had moved Naval logistics software from 1970's technology and systems to the world of micro-computing using satellite communications and web-enabled applications.

The ribbon cutting ceremony included Rear Admiral Fellin, Captain McIlravy, Captain Kilo Parks, Executive Officer, Mr. Ron Lowder, the command's Executive Director, and executives from the command's prime support contractors, Nick Sullivan (ManTech) and Steve Bristow (CACI). SPAWAR also recognized the Command's Sailor of the Year, MR1 Robert Hare.

With a message that SPAWAR will remain "Fleet Focused with Readiness-Center Solutions" lending around the clock support to the Sailors and Marines supporting the war effort from Norfolk and sites worldwide, the ceremony was completed and the facility declared open for business.

For additional information on this or on SPAWAR System Center Norfolk activity, please contact Mr. Nicholas Cirillo at 757-443-0104.



**Fleet Focused.** SPAWAR Systems Center Norfolk officially dedicated its new facility on Naval Station Norfolk. Shown, left to right, are Captain Kilo Parks, Rear Admiral Tom Fellin, Captain Tom McIlravy, and Executive Director Ron Lowder.